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- The U.S. Government ordered Volkswagen to recall about 482,000 diesel Jetta, Beetle, Golf, and Passat vehicles September 18 after an investigation found the company installed software to conceal vehicle nitrogen oxide emissions. – *New York Times* (See item [3](#))
- The Federal Aviation Administration fined the city of Cleveland September 18 after investigations into Hopkins International Airport revealed a series of incidents in which the airport failed to clear runways and taxiways of snow and ice. – *CNN* (See item [9](#))
- Seven cars of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad train derailed in Scotland, South Dakota, burst into flames, and collapsed a bridge after ethanol spilled from their cargo September 19. – *Grand Forks Herald* (See item [10](#))
- Crews reached 70 percent containment of the 75,781-acre Valley Fire and 74-percent containment of the 70,760-acre Butte fire in California September 21. – *San Francisco Bay City News* (See item [18](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 21, KNSD 39 San Diego* – (California) **Thousands lost power across San Diego.** The California Independent Systems Operator ordered San Diego Gas & Electric to cut power to 115,000 customers for approximately 2 hours September 20 by dropping 150 megawatts of load in the utility's service territory due to an issue at the Otay Power Plant. Several businesses were forced to close as a result of the outage. Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Thousands-Without-Power-Across-San-Diego-328431481.html>
2. *September 18, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (National) **Long-delayed report blames rig crew for 2013 gas well blowout.** A report published by the Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement, released the week of September 7, blames the drilling rig's crew for not using the proper fluid to control natural gas at the Hercules Offshore-owned Walter Oil & Gas well off the central Louisiana coast, and for not reacting in a timely manner when the blowout began in July 2013. The report also attributes the accident to human error after an investigation determined that workers should have recognized a "kick" of natural gas in the well previously, which would have likely prevented the accident if the blowout preventer was activated at the appropriate time. Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/story/news/local/investigations/david-hammer/2015/09/18/long-delayed-report-blames-rig-crew-for-2013-gas-well-blowout/72430042/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *September 18, New York Times* – (National) **Volkswagen told to recall nearly 500,000 vehicles.** The U.S. government ordered Volkswagen to recall about 482,000 diesel model year 2009 – 2015 Jetta, Beetle, Golf, and Passat vehicles September 18 after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a notice of violation and alleged the company installed "defeat device" software to evade clean air standards and conceal nitrogen oxide emissions. Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/2015/09/18/volkswagen-ordered-to-recall-nearly-500000-vehicles.html>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *September 21, Reuters* – (National) **First Eagle to pay nearly \$40 mln in SEC case over distribution fees.** First Eagle Investment Management and its affiliated distributor FEF Distributors agreed to pay \$25 million to shareholders and \$12.5 million in penalties to resolve U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission allegations that the investment firm improperly used mutual fund assets to pay for marketing and distribution fees without permissions from the fund's board.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/21/sec-firsteagle-idUSL1N11R19O20150921>
5. *September 19, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **“Filter Bandit” robs plantation bank on back-to-back days.** Authorities are searching for a suspect dubbed the “Filter Bandit” who struck a Plantation Chase bank September 18 and 19, and may be linked to 9 other robberies in Plantation, Coral Springs, and Tamarac since August 2014.
Source: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2015/09/19/fbi-filter-bandit-robs-plantation-bank-on-back-to-back-days/>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *September 21, NBC News* – (New York) **Colgate University freshmen die in New York plane crash.** Two Colgate University freshmen died in a plane crash in Madison County, New York, September 20 after the plane came down shortly after taking off from Hamilton Municipal Airport.
Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/freshmen-students-die-plane-crash-n430761>
7. *September 21, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Stadium Armory Metro Station closed due to smoke at power substation in RFK lot.** The Washington D.C. Metro Transit Police reported that the Stadium Armory Metro station was closed September 21 and that Metrorail service is temporarily suspended between Eastern Market and Minnesota Avenue on the Orange Line while crews shut off the traction power substation in the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium parking lot due to smoke.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Stadium-Armory-Station-Closed-Due-to-Smoke-at-Power-Substation-in-RFK-Lot-328486851.html>
8. *September 20, WBOY Clarksburg 12* – (West Virginia) **Interstate 79 reopens after multiple tractor trailer accident.** All lanes of Interstate 79 near mile marker 145 in Monongalia County reopened September 20 after being shut down for several hours while crews cleaned up the scene of an accident that involved multiple semi-trucks. There were no reports of injuries.
Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story/30071247/interstate-79-shut-down-from-vehicle-accident>
9. *September 19, CNN* – (Ohio) **FAA fines Cleveland for airport's snow, ice troubles.**

The Federal Aviation Administration fined the city of Cleveland September 18 after multiple investigations starting in 2013 into Hopkins International Airport revealed a series of incidents in which the airport failed to adequately clear its runways and taxiways of snow and ice. Incidents included taxiing issues due to ice that resulted in canceled landing clearances and an airport safety vehicle inadvertently sliding onto an inactive runway, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/09/18/us/cleveland-winter-weather-fine/index.html>

10. *September 19, Grand Forks Herald* – (South Dakota) **Ethanol train derails, catches fire in South Dakota.** Seven cars of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad train derailed in Scotland, South Dakota, burst into flames, and collapsed a bridge after an unknown amount of ethanol spilled from their cargo September 19. Crews responded to the derailment, began rebuilding the bridge, and were working to reopen the rail line.
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/region/3843037-ethanol-train-derails-catches-fire-south-dakota>

11. *September 19, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Interstate 10 east reopens in Slidell, ending 8-hour shut down after chase and ‘gun fight’.** Interstate 10 eastbound in Slidell reopened September 19 after being shut down for at least 8 hours during a car chase that officials reported as a “gun fight” that ended with a man being shot and killed. No officers were injured during the incident.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2015/09/interstate_10_east_reopens_in.html

Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *September 19, WWBT 12 Richmond* – (National) **Tastee Caramel Apple recalled for failing to list peanuts on label.** Giant Food Stores and Martin’s Food Markets issued a voluntary recall September 19 of 3-ounce packages of Tastee Caramel Apple products due to misbranding and undeclared peanuts. Customers were advised to discard any unused portions.
Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/30069165/tastee-caramel-apple-recalled-for-failing-to-list-peanuts-on-label>

13. *September 18, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Pima County death tied to tainted cucumbers.** The Pima County Health Department announced September 18 that a woman with underlying health conditions was the third death tied to a 31-State Salmonella outbreak linked to tainted cucumbers grown in Mexico. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 418 people were infected by the outbreak and that the California-based distributor was evaluating its cucumber-farming and-packing operations.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona/breaking/2015/09/18/pima-county-death-tied-tainted-cucumbers/72431166/>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *September 21, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Costal waters remain closed in**

Long Beach after sewage spill. Beach closures remained in effect in Long Beach September 21 after a San Gabriel swage line broke and spilled approximately 250,000 gallons of sewage into the storm system September 15. Officials hope to reopen beaches September 22.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Coastal-Waters-Remain-Close-in-Long-Beach-After-Sewage-Spill-328499671.html>

15. *September 18, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **3K gallons of raw sewage overflow from Waikiki manhole.** The Waikiki City Department of Environmental Services responded after a sanitary sewer overflow grease clogged a 6-inch pipe and spilled 3,000 gallons of raw sewage out of a man hole September 18. Crews were able to recover 250 gallons with the remaining 2,750 gallons dissipating in a storm drain. None of the spill reportedly reached receiving water.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/30067342/3k-gallons-of-raw-sewage-overflow-from-waikiki-manhole>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *September 19, Softpedia* – (National) **Software firm’s blunder exposes 1.5M private user details on AWS server.** Systema Software, a company that provides solutions for managing small insurance and medical claims, confirmed that a Texas-based individual managed to download data from its server, and that the individual will meet with the Texas attorney general to properly wipe the data, which potentially contains an unknown amount of details on several insurance claims companies and their clients.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/software-firm-s-blunder-exposes-1-5m-private-user-details-on-aws-server-492165.shtml>

17. *September 17, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **UPMC: 2 patients who died stayed in ICU where mold was found.** The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center announced September 17 that two heart transplants patients, who died after contracting fungal infections, had stayed in the same room where mold was found located in the hospital’s cardiothoracic intensive care unit (ICU). An investigation is ongoing after the discovery of the mold prompted the hospital to close down its cardiothoracic ICU indefinitely for cleaning and analysis.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/mold-found-at-upmc-presbyterian/35268570>

Government Facilities Sector

18. *September 21, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Massive Valley Fire is at 75,711 acres and 70 percent containment.** Crews reached 70 percent containment September 21 of the 75,781-acre Valley Fire burning in Napa, Sonoma, and Lake counties, which has killed 3 people and destroyed at least 888 structures. Fire crews also continued to battle the 70,760-acre Butte Fire in Amador and Calaveras counties, reaching 74-percent containment.

Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Massive-Valley-Fire-is-at-75100-Acres-and-53-Percent-Containment-328418221.html>

19. *September 21, Berkshire Eagle* – (Massachusetts) **MCLA residence hall evacuated after hazmat concern.** The Berkshire Towers residence hall at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams was evacuated September 19 while authorities investigated the source of an unknown odor that sickened 27 students and caused them to be transported to area hospitals for treatment. Officials are continuing to monitor air quality and investigate the source of the odor.
Source: http://www.berkshireeagle.com/local/ci_28846756/mcla-residence-hall-evacuated-after-hazmat-concern
20. *September 20, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Military plane crashes in New Mexico desert, officials say.** Authorities reported that a military aircraft crashed in a desert near the Las Cruces International Airport in New Mexico during a training flight September 19, injuring at least one of the two occupants who ejected before the crash. The site was ordered to be secured while officials investigated the incident.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/09/20/military-plane-crashes-in-new-mexico-desert-official-says/>
21. *September 18, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Albert Gallatin North Middle School evacuated after students fall ill, taken to hospital.** Albert Gallatin North Middle School in German Township was evacuated after 10 students and 2 teachers were transported to an area hospital September 18 with symptoms of nausea, dizziness, and respiratory issues. Officials were unable to determine the source of the illnesses after all tests came back negative.
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/middle-school-evacuated-due-to-a-unknown-sickness-outbreak-seven-taken-to-the-hospital/35351130>

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Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

22. *September 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Three Symantec employees fired for issuing fake Google SSL certificates.** Symantec fired three employees for issuing rogue Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificates after Google engineers working for the Certificate Transparency project discovered that the company had issued fake Google.com certificates with “extended validation” labels.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/three-symantec-employees-fired-for-issuing-fake-google-com-ssl-certificates-492190.shtml>
23. *September 20, IDG News Service* – (International) **Apple removes malware-infected iOS apps from store.** Apple officials reported that the company had taken down about 40 iOS applications that were affected by a new form of malware called XcodeGhost, which modifies the Xcode integrated development environment and collects information on devices.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/article/2985018/apple-ios/apple-removes-malware-infected-ios-apps-from-store.html#tk.rss_security

24. *September 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Ghost Push Android malware infects 600,000 new users per day.** Security researchers from Cheetah Mobile discovered that a new type of boot-persistent Android malware called Ghost Push is being packaged with 39 applications distributed through unofficial channels. The malware has infected 14,847 phone types and models across 3,658 brands worldwide.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ghost-push-android-malware-infects-600-000-new-users-per-day-492167.shtml>
25. *September 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Infographic: Over 170,000 Magento shops are still vulnerable to Shoplift bug.** Security researchers from Byte reported that 173,547 Magento stores are still vulnerable to the Shoplift vulnerability discovered in February, which resulted in stolen customer data and diverted payments.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/over-170-000-magento-shops-are-still-vulnerable-to-the-shoplift-bug-492136.shtml>
26. *September 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Thousands of WordPress sites hijacked to distribute malware in the last two days.** Security researchers from Sucuri discovered a new malware campaign affecting thousands of WordPress Web sites, called VisitorTracker, in which hackers are hijacking sites and adding malicious JavaScript code that uses iframe calls to direct users to a site hosting the Nuclear Exploit Kit (EK).
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/thousands-of-wordpress-hijacked-to-distribute-malware-in-the-last-two-days-492117.shtml>
27. *September 18, Threatpost* – (International) **Google details plans to disable SSLV3 RC4.** Google officials announced the company's formal intent to move away from the Rivest Cipher 4 (RC4) and Secure Sockets Layer version 3 (SSLv3) protocols due to security concerns, and laid out future standards for Transport Layer Security (TLS) clients.
Source: <https://threatpost.com/google-details-plans-to-disable-sslv3-and-rc4/114732/>

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Communications Sector

28. *September 19, Softpedia* – (National) **AT&T employees installed malware on their PCs to aid phone unlocking service.** AT&T filed a law suit against three former call center employees for allegedly installing malware on their servers with the purpose of aiding a phone unlocking service, Swift Unlocks, in obtaining AT&T Torch unlock codes, after AT&T reportedly noticed a high number of generated unlock codes

missing and alerted Torch's administrators.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/at-t-employees-installed-malware-on-their-pcs-to-aid-phone-unlocking-service-492145.shtml>

Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *September 21, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **1 dead, 3 hurt in shooting inside Philly tavern possibly connected to biker gang.** A suspected gang shooting inside Tangeray Tavern in Philadelphia killed 1 man and injured 3 others after witnesses reported that at least 15 bikers fled the scene following the shooting. Authorities are continuing to investigate the incident.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Tavern-Philadelphia-Shooting-Bikers-Fatal--328438681.html>
30. *September 21, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Car crashes into building, driver runs; former restaurant, apartments condemned.** A North Limestone building housing several apartments and the former Lexington Pasta Company was condemned and deemed unsafe after a car crashed into the building September 21, prompting crews to shut down the gas and electrical supply to the building. Police are searching for the driver of the vehicle, who fled the scene.
Source: http://www.kentucky.com/2015/09/21/4048854_apartments-evacuated-after-car.html
31. *September 19, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Crews work to fix water-main break in Sherman Oaks.** The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power reported September 19 that a water main break in Sherman Oaks damaged 1 business and impacted 24 others after an 8-inch pipe ruptured, causing crews to shut off water services until September 20 for repairs.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/water-main-break-impacts-25-businesses-in-sherman-oaks/992715/>

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Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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